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FILE TITLE/NUMBER/VOLUME: McLENDON, GORDON
201-279764

INCLUSIVE DATES:

CUSTODIAL UNIT/LOCATION:

ROOM:

DELETIONS, IF ANY:

DATE RECEIVED	DATE RETURNED	REVIEWED BY (PRINT NAME)	SIGNATURE OF REVIEWING OFFICIAL
16 May 78		LESLIE WIZELMAN	Leslie Wizelman

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6 Jan 1975
(date)

Review of 201 File on U.S. Citizen

In accordance with the DDO's notice of 9 December 1974, I have reviewed the 201 file on McLENDON (surname) (201 number indicated below), and have determined that it can most accurately be categorized as indicated below:

- [ ] should be closed.
- [x] witting collaborator. OI Code A1.
- [ ] potential witting collaborator; date opened ________ OI Code A2.
- [ ] former witting collaborator (relationship terminated). OI Code A3.
- [ ] potential witting collaborator never contacted (security reasons, derogatory information). OI Code A4.
- [ ] counterintelligence case (i.e., involving a foreign intelligence or security service). OI Code A5.
- [ ] all others. OI Code A6.

Signed Sam H. Girardi (name) ________ (title) IP/ANP (component)

This assignment of category has been entered into STAR.

Signed LL (initials) 6 Jan (date) 1975

This document is a permanent part of this file.

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3 May 1972

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: John K. McLean

1. On 28 April the undersigned was introduced to Mr. John McLean by Mr. Wallace Lampshire, a staff officer. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss Mr. McLean's connection with Mr. Gordon Barton McLendon (201-79764) and Mr. McLendon's stated desire to help his government.

2. Mr. McLean is a former staff officer (DDI/OCI) who resigned to enter the field of finance. He has been a banker, a stock broker (Sade & Co.) and currently is Vice-President and Treasurer of International Ventures, Inc., 888 17th Street N.W., Washington 20006, as well as Vice-President of Riviere & Berens Securities Corp., stockbrokers located at 1832 M St., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20036.

3. Mr. McLendon was born in Paris, Texas 8 June 1921 and now lives in Dallas. According to Who's Who in the South and Southwest, Mr. McLendon is the owner of a number of radio stations and is listed as the president of numerous companies in radio, TV, and motion picture theatre fields. Mr. McLendon is reputedly a multi-millionaire.

4. Mr. McLean and Mr. McLendon have maintained a friendship since their years at Yale. Mr. McLean recently visited Mr. McLendon at his ranch some thirty miles from Dallas. During this visit Mr. McLendon expressed his fears of the future of the dollar and said that he has moved millions of his dollars to Europe where the money has been put into Swiss and French francs, plus German marks. Most of the money is apparently in savings instruments of one kind or another plus a night club that Mr. McLendon has bought in Stockholm. During these conversations, Mr. McLendon wondered if these foreign operations might not be of interest to the Government (read CIA as Mr. McLendon was an ONI officer during WW II and is aware of Mr. McLean's former employment with the Agency.) Mr. McLendon mentioned his night club as a possibility, as it is frequented by persons of many countries, including the USSR.

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5. Mr. McLean has business interests in Dallas and said that he is willing to explore this possibility with Mr. McLendon if we provide guidance.

6. Mr. McLean himself perhaps offers more potential via International Ventures, Inc. Mr. McLean is seeking venture capital opportunities abroad. For example, he and a Mr. Lincoln Epworth in New York City are working with a Japanese named Ikvo Kasai who is President of Nichimen Co. of Tokyo, a firm seeking to export to the States. Mr. McLean was frank to say that International Ventures is more a dream than a reality in terms of business but the concern is making progress. Mr. McLean offered to be of any assistance.

Comment: I have sent for Mr. McLean's file and upon its receipt I will seek a PCSA.

Frederick Larkin, Jr.
CCS/CFB

FL/ekw

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NAME CHECK AND CONSOLIDATION REQUEST

FROM:
WILCOXEN ELI — GL-924
BRANCH: CCS/CFB — 21CKEY
EXT. 3543 — TUBE

DATE: 19 April 1972 (for Ms Larkin)

RID CONTROL NO.:

TO	TUBE	ROOM	DATE		INITIALS
RID/INDEX	DT-5	1B4003	24 Ap	72	[illegible]
REQUESTER					
R.O/FILES	DT-8	GC52			
REQUESTER					
RID/ANALYSIS	GT-7	GA50			
RID/INDEX	DT-5	1B4003			

CHECKING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTES

ENTER NO. OF REFERENCES ORDERED ______

Pending file

SUBJECT TO BE CHECKED

SURNAME / GIVEN NAMES

Mc LENDON, Gordon Barton

SPELLING VARIATIONS TO BE CHECKED: MAC

201 NO. IF KNOWN:

AKA, ALIASES:

OTHER IDENTIFYING DATA (*Occupation, CP membership, I. S. affiliations, etc.*)
See "Who's Who in the South and Southwest", Eleventh Edition, P. 677

SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	PLACE OF BIRTH	CITIZENSHIP	RESIDENCE
M	8 June 1921	Paris, Texas	U.S.A.	9300 Douglas Street, Dallas, Texas

RESULTS OF RID/INDEX CHECK

		COMMENTS
	NO PERTINENT IDENTIFIABLE INFORMATION	night club in Stockholm FVV'L
✓	CARD REFERENCES ATTACHED	

INSTRUCTIONS FOR REQUESTERS

TO ORDER DOCUMENTS

1. REVIEW INDEX CARD REPRODUCTIONS.
2. DRAW GREEN DIAGONAL LINE ACROSS ITEMS YOU DO NOT WANT.
3. FORWARD TO RID/FILES.

TO EDIT THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS

AFTER RECEIPT OF THE DOCUMENTS, EDIT THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS ACCORDING TO CSI 70-19.

1. TO DESTROY CARDS: MARK THE CARD REPRODUCTION WITH A GREEN D. AND CITE THE REASON.
2. TO MAKE CORRECTIONS/ADDITIONS: ENTER THE CHANGES ON THE CARD REPRODUCTIONS IN GREEN INK.
3. FORWARD TO RID/AN, VIA YOUR RECORDS OFFICER.

201 CONSOLIDATION (*SEE CSI 70-20*)

1. IF SUBJECT HAS A 201 FILE, RETURN ONLY THIS FORM TO RID/AN WITH REPRODUCTIONS OF INDEX CARDS MARKED IN GREEN TO REFLECT THE CONSOLIDATION ACTION TAKEN.
2. WHEN SUBJECT HAS NO 201 FILE, BUT MEETS THE REQUIREMENT FOR OPENING A 201 FILE, RETURN THIS FORM TO RID/201 WITH:
   - A. A COMPLETED FORM 831.
   - B. ALL PERTINENT DOCUMENTS, EXTRACTS, AND PROPERLY EDITED INDEX CARD REPRODUCTIONS FOR CONSOLIDATION OF THE FILE BY RID/201.

CHECKLIST OF OTHER INDICES: REQUESTER SHOULD ALSO CONSIDER TRACING THE FOLLOWING SOURCES WHICH ARE NOT CHECKED BY RID/INDEX (*SEE NAME TRACE HANDBOOK*).

SOURCE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE RECEIVED	SOURCE	DATE REQUESTED	DATE RECEIVED
CS AREA DESKS			CENTRAL REFERENCE SERVICE		
RID ARCHIVES			CIA LIBRARY		
COMINT NAME CHECK			OFFICE OF SECURITY		
SD BIOGRAPHICS BRANCH			OFFICE OF MEDICAL SERVICES		
CS TRAVEL (ZOMNIK-ZOD, AC)			DOMESTIC CONTACTS SERVICE		
NAME OF BEARER FILE					
CIA APPLICANTS FILE			DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE		
COVERT ACTION STAFF ([illegible])			DEFENSE CENTRAL INDEX		
CENTRAL COVER STAFF			CENTRAL REGISTRY - EUROPE		
[illegible] STAFF: RESERVE OFFICERS FILE			FBI		
[illegible] STAFF: INTERAGENCY SOURCE REG			I & NS		
CI STAFF: CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS			STATE DEPARTMENT		
CI STAFF: [illegible] PROGRAM			SECRET SERVICE		
[illegible]			SIGNATURE OF RECORDS OFFICER	DATE	

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< USA, TEXAS, DALLAS
MCLENDON BROADCAST SYSTEM.

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BRIEF RECORD OF CASE ACTION

ITEM	DATE	REMARKS	INITIALS

MINUTE SHEET

This MUST be the TOP, unserialized document in File Number 201-

FORM NO. 78 1 AUG 58 REPLACES FORM 30-38 WHICH MAY BE USED.

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(11)

19 February 1966
Date

Memorandum For: DO/SEC (for Mr. Beers)

Reference : Request for traces and clearance

Project : [illegible]

Subject : See below

NAME: McLENDON, Gordon Barton
DPOB: 8 June 1921, Paris, Texas
CIT: USA
RES: 9300 Douglas St., Dallas, Texas
OCC: McLendon Broadcast System
ADD: 2104 Jackson St., Dallas, Texas

Trace Results:

No record in addition to 201-79764 which is attached herewith on permanent charge to DO/CO/Beers.

CI/CA file JG-9545 was reviewed and found to contain no information in addition to that contained in Subject's dossier. You will note that a request made by FE Division for a CSC on Subject was denied by the Office of Security on 29 July 1952.

Areas Checked:

RID X Area Division ____ Central Cover Staff X Office of Security ____

OCR: Biographics Register ____ Foreign Installations Branch ____ Library ____

Other ______________.

Form 772 requesting PCSA/CSA ______ was forwarded ______ to (Security) [illegible]

A copy of this memorandum has been sent to RID for classification into file ______________.

DO/CS

Attachment: 201-79764

Distribution:
Orig. - Addressee
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OR INVESTIGATIVE ACTION

(Always handcarry 1 copy of this form)
PLEASE COMPLETE EACH SECTION AND APPROPRIATE BLANK

DATE: 30 December 1965

TO:
- [ ] CI/OPERATIONAL APPROVAL AND SUPPORT DIVISION
- [X] CHIEF, INVESTIGATION AND SUPPORT DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY
- [ ] CHIEF, PERSONNEL SECURITY DIVISION, OFFICE OF SECURITY

FROM: DO/OO

SUBJECT: (True name) McLENDON, Gordon Barton

PROJECT: WUENTREE

CRYPTONYM, PSEUDONYM, AKA OR ALIASES:

CI/OA FILE NO.:

RI 201 FILE NO.: | SO FILE NO.:

1. TYPE ACTION REQUESTED

	PROVISIONAL OPERATIONAL APPROVAL		PROVISIONAL PROPRIETARY APPROVAL
	OPERATIONAL APPROVAL		PROPRIETARY APPROVAL
X	PROVISIONAL COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL		COVERT NAME CHECK
	COVERT SECURITY APPROVAL		SPECIAL INQUIRY *(SO field investigation)*
	CONTRACT TYPE A		CONTRACT TYPE B

2. SPECIFIC AREA OF USE

US

3. FULL DETAILS OF USE

Subject will be contacted and assessed on a witting basis in support of WUENTREE. Subject is President of McLendon Corporation of Dallas, Texas and is also owner of several radio stations. He was born in Paris, Texas on 8 June 1921. He resides at 9300 Douglas Street, Dallas, Texas and has a ranch in Denton, Texas. During World War II, he served as a Japanese Language Officer in intelligence for the US Navy from 1943-45. He is the author of "The Old Scotchman's Scrapbook"

4. INVESTIGATION AND COVER

	YES	NO
A. U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?		X
B. CIA INTEREST MAY BE SHOWN DURING INVESTIGATION?		X
C. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF U.S. GOVERNMENT INTEREST IN HIM?		X
D. IS SUBJECT AWARE OF CIA INTEREST IN HIM?		X

E. INDICATE ANY LIMITATIONS ON COVERAGE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT.

F. SUGGEST "COVER PRETEXT" TO BE USED IN CONDUCTING PERSONAL INVESTIGATION OF SUBJECT.

G. DO YOU PLAN TO MAKE SUBJECT WITTING OF AGENCY OR GOVERNMENT INTEREST? [X] YES [ ] NO

IF NO INVESTIGATION OUTSIDE CIA, EXPLAIN FULLY

5. PRQ AND GREEN LIST STATUS

	PRQ I, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (2) COPIES ATTACHED		PRQ II WILL BE FORWARDED
	PRQ II, OR EQUIVALENT, IN (1) COPY ATTACHED		GREEN LIST ATTACHED, NO.

6. RI TRACES

NO RECORD	WILL FORWARD	NON-DEROGATORY	DEROGATORY ATTACHED

7. DIVISION TRACES

NO RECORD	WILL FORWARD	NON-DEROGATORY	DEROGATORY ATTACHED

8. FIELD TRACES

NO RECORD	WILL FORWARD
NO DEROGATORY INFO.	DEROGATORY ATTACHED
LIST SOURCES CHECKED	SIGNIFICANT INFORMATION ATTACHED
NOT INITIATED (Explanation)	

SIGNATURE OF CASE OFFICER	EXTENSION	SIGNATURE OF BRANCH CHIEF
Peter Beers		William A Royer

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	RI FILE NO.
	DISPATCH OR SOURCE DOC. SYMBOL NO. / DATE
	SOURCE CRYPTONYM / DATE OF INFO. / EVALUATION
ANALYST: 01 / DATE PROCESSED: 13 Oct 64	DISSEMINATED IN / DATE

DOCUMENT DISPOSITION

CROSS REFERRED TO THIS FILE	TRANSFERRED TO RI FILE NO.

PERTINENT INFORMATION

... THIS DOCUMENT ... ON JB-9545

FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO. 201-79714

FORM NO. 867 REPLACES FORM 867, 1 AUG 56 AND FORM 137 WHICH ARE OBSOLETE.
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24 May 1954

ATTN: RI
RI/CC

Chief, FE

Disposition of Files

1. Forwarded herewith for your disposition are thirty-eight (38) files, considered non-restricted by FE, for the following listed [illegible]

Name	Date of Birth	Place of Birth
McLendon, Gordon Barton	about 1922	Atlanta / Texas / Idabelle / Okla

2. Subjects are no longer in use by this office.

Originated by: Ursa T. Sharp

FOR: CHARLES E. [illegible]
Chief, FE

Dist: Addressee - Orig & 2; Subj - 1 ea;
FE-1, CE(Rawlinson) - 1
FE-1 (chrono) - 1

SEE CAPUTO, Salvatore Bernard's file
Date of Birth: Sept 29, 1910; Place of Birth: N.Y.N.Y.

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ROUTING AND RECORD SHEET

SUBJECT: (Optional)

FROM	NO. FE/1
	DATE

TO: (Officer designation, room number, and building)	DATE REC'D	DATE FWD'D	OFFICER'S INITIALS	COMMENTS (Number each comment to show from whom to whom. Draw a line across column after each comment.)
1.				6 McLENDON, Gordon Barton
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13. RI/CO	PROCESSED [illegible] 27 [illegible]		[illegible]	201-77764
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29 JUL 1952

Chief, Staff C
Attention: Staff C/RPB
Chief, Special Security Division

JO 9525
#69488 McLendon, Gordon Barton

1. Reference is made to your request for a covert security clearance for the Subject, who is the president of a company which will provide accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization.

2. This is to advise that the covert security clearance, as requested, is hereby denied.

FOR THE SECURITY OFFICER, CIA:

Robert H. Cunningham

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Security Information

27 July 19[illegible]

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, I & S

VIA : FE/PT
STC/SFB

SUBJECT : Gordon Barton McLendon

1. It is requested that the case on Gordon Barton McLendon be closed, since this office has no further interest in Subject.

2. The request for covert security clearance on Mr. McLendon was submitted on 11 February 19[illegible].

LLOYD GEORGE
Chief, FE

FE/III/PC/LSC:lml
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MEMORANDUM TO: OD/OP/Sec   11 February 1952

FROM: FE/III/PC

SUBJECT: Gordon Barton McLendon

1. Covert Clearance, for use as outlined below, it is requested for Subject, on whom available information is submitted separately.

___Op. Clearance XX Security Clearance ___Op. Support ___Sp. Inquiry

2. Use of Subject: (State in detail the scope and nature of activities to be performed, their duration, the area involved, project involved, etc.)

Subject is the president of a company which will provide accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization. It is not expected that subject will learn of the agent's connection with this organization, however, clearance is requested to so inform subject of the connection if the need may arise at a later date. Subject will know nothing of operations conducted by this agent, only that he is connected with CIA.

3. "Cover" story suggested for investigation: ___Governmental XXCommercial

Details: General Credit ___Other

4. Limits, if any, to investigation: None

5. Is Subject aware that an investigation is in process: Yes___ No X
6. Is Subject aware of CIA interest? Yes___ No X
7. Has Subject been briefed on "cover" story? Yes___ No X
8. Has Subject established "cover" for investigation with probable contacts? Yes___ No X
9. Is Prov. Operational Clearance necessary? Yes___ No X
10. Investigation to be XX Routine __ Expedite
Must be completed by: 1 June 1952
11. REMARKS:

Case Officer Lowell J. Christy

Security Officer

Branch Chief James G.L. Kellis

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TO: ASST. DEPUTY (INSPECTION & SECURITY) Date: ____________

FROM: DD/OP/OPC (Security) J.G.: ____________

SUBJECT:

1. Necessary covert investigation is requested on Subject on whom all available background data is submitted separately. Information and/or clearance is requested for case category as follows:

   Operational Cl. XXSecurity Cl. Sp. Inquiry Operational Support

2. Name of Special Project (if applicable): DTMIKADO

3. Investigation to be completed as: XX Routine ____ Expedite by not later than 1 June 1952.

4. Scope and nature of use or activity:

   Subject is the president of a company which will provide ~~cover~~ accreditation in Japan to a contract agent of this organization. It is not expected that subject will learn of the agent's connection with this organization, however.

5. Suggested "cover" for investigation: ____Governmental ____Commercial ____ Other
   Specific:

6. Limitations, if any, on investigation:

7. Subject HAS/HAS NOT been briefed that investigation is pending.

8. Subject HAS/HAS NOT been briefed on "cover" story to be used in investigation.

9. Subject HAS/HAS NOT indicated to probable investigative contacts investigation pending.

10. Subject HAS/HAS NOT indicated to probable investigative contacts "cover" story to be used.

11. CIA indices checks required for provisional operational clearance by
    ____
    (date)

12. REMARKS:

JOHN R. BREWER

FORM NO. 59-16 (7137)
AUG. 1951

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Lou U.,
Is this correct
or shld. it be Idabelle?
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Name- Gordon Barton McLendon
Address-9300 Douglas, Dallas Texas
Place of Birth-Atlanta Texas/Idabel, Oklahoma—age 30
Military History-1942 Entered Navy Japanese Language School, Boulder, Colo.
1943- Graduated Navy Japanese Lang. School
1944-CommissionedUSNavy Assigned as Intelligence Officer, ONI.
Discharged as Lt(JG)
Education-Graduated Yale University
1946-Attended Harvard Law School
Wife's Name-Gay Noe(Daughter of James A. Noe former Gov. of Louisiana
Subject has four children.
Present Occupation- President of Liberty Broadcasting System.

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ABSTRACT OF DOCUMENT BEING CROSS FILED			CROSS FILED BY
FILE NO. JG-9545	SOURCE STC/SPB	DATE OF DOCUMENT XXXX	ANALYST XXXX
SUBJECT McLENDON, Gordon Barton Born: Atlanta, Texas/Idabelle, Oklahoma, age 30 (in 1952)			DATE 26 Jan 55

PERTINENT INFORMATION

THERE IS A RESTRICTED STC/SPB FOLDER ON THE SUBJECT OF THIS 201 HELD IN RI/AR FILE, WASH-CIA-PERS-4.

CROSS REFERENCE FORM

FILE THIS FORM IN FILE NO. 201 79784

FORM NO. 137 REPLACES FORM 51-36 WHICH MAY BE USED.
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